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For

METHODS FOR PRODUCING FUNCTIONAL IMMUNOGLOBULIN, INCLUDING CHIMERIC IMMUNOGLOBULIN, IN TRANSFORMED MAMMALIAN LYMPHOCYTIC CELLS

Group Art Unit

1806

Examiner

Julie E. Reeves, Ph.D.

Hon. Assistant Commissioner

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Washington, D.C. 20231

May 11, 1998

REVISED AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.312(a)

Sir:

Applicants request approval under Rule 312(a) for entry of the following amendment without withdrawing the case from issue.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following claims 126-137.

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3 126. A method for producing a functional antigen-binding protein comprising

- i) a first chain comprising an immunoglobulin heavy chain variable
 domain and an immunoglobulin heavy chain constant domain and
- ii) a second chain comprising an immunoglobulin light chain variable
 domain and an immunoglobulin light chain constant domain,

wherein the method comprises the steps of:

- (a) transfecting a transformed mammalian lymphocytic cell with a first DNA molecule coding for the first chain of the protein;
- (b) transfecting the cell with a second DNA molecule, said second DNA molecule coding for the second chain of the protein; and
- (c) maintaining the cell in a nutrient medium, so that the cell expresses the first and second DNA molecules and the resultant chains are intracellularly assembled together to form the protein which is then secreted in a form capable of specifically binding to antigen

wherein prior to step (a) the cell does not express a functional antigen-binding protein.

A method as recited in claim 136 wherein prior to step (a) the cell does not endogenously produce any immunoglobulin chains.

A method as recited in claim 126 wherein prior to step (a) the cell endogenously produces an immunoglobulin light chain or an immunoglobulin heavy chain, but not both.

129. A method as recited in claim 126 wherein each chain comprises a constant region.

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130. A method as recited in claim 126 wherein the variable domain is found in a first mammalian species and the constant domain is found in a second mammalian species, said second mammalian species being other than the first mammalian species.

131. A method as recited in claim 129 wherein the variable domain is found in a first mammalian species and the constant region is found in a second mammalian species said second mammalian species being other than the first mammalian species.

A method for producing a functional antigen-binding protein comprising

- i) a first chain comprising an immunoglobulin heavy chain variable domain and an immunoglobulin heavy chain constant domain and
- ii) a second chain comprising an immunoglobulin light chain variable
 domain and an immunoglobulin light chain constant domain,

wherein the method comprises the steps of:

- (a) transfecting a transformed mammalian lymphocytic cell with a plasmid comprising a first DNA molecule coding for the first chain of the protein and a second DNA molecule coding for the second chain of the protein; and
- (b) maintaining the cell in a nutrient medium so that the cell expresses said first DNA molecule and said second DNA molecule and the resultant chains are intracellularly assembled together to form the protein which is then secreted in a form capable of specifically binding to antigen

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wherein prior to step (a) the cell does not express a functional immunoglobulin capable of specifically binding antigen.

38 133. A method as recited in claim 132 wherein prior to step (a) the cell does not endogenously produce any immunoglobulin chains.

- 134. A method as recited in claim 132 wherein prior to step (a) the cell endogenously produces an immunoglobulin light chain or an immunoglobulin heavy chain, which endogenously-produced heavy chain is not secreted in a form capable of specifically binding to antigen, but not both.
- 135. A method as recited in claim 132 wherein each chain has a constant region.
- 136. A method as recited in claim 132 wherein the immunoglobulin comprises the variable domain found in a first mammalian species and comprises the constant domain found in a second mammalian species, said second mammalian species being other than the first mammalian species.
- 137. A method as recited in claim 135 wherein the immunoglobulin comprises the variable domain found in a first mammalian species and comprises the constant region found in a second mammalian species, said second mammalian species being other than the first mammalian species.

<u>REMARKS</u>

Because claims 126-135 presented in applicants' prior § 312(a) amendment were not entered due to an indefiniteness rejection based on the language "derived from", applicants submit revised claims 126-137 for consideration by the

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Examiner. Applicants believe that these claims overcome the indefiniteness rejection and are fully supported by the specification. Applicants understand that the claims include antibody fragments such as Fab and F(ab')2.

Respectfully submitted,

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: [] a Preliminary Amendment; [X] an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a); [X] Authorization to Charge Deposit Account; [] a substitute Specification; [] a Declaration; [] a Supplemental Declaration; [] a Power of Attorney; [] an Associate Power of Attorney; [] formal drawings; to be filed in the above-identified patent application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

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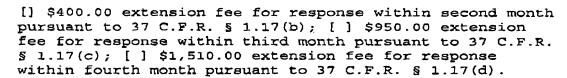
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AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Sir:

The undersigned attorney hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge the fee of \$554.00, or to credit any overpayment of same, due in connection with the Second Amendment after Allowance Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.312(a) filed herewith to Deposit Account No. 06-1075.

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